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## REQUEST

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## Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

Device and Method for Regenerating an Electroless Metal Plating Bath

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**Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM**

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:*	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 28.08.2002	102 40 350.3	DE		
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Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

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The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):

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  - Box No. VIII (iv) Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)
  - Box No. VIII (v) Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty

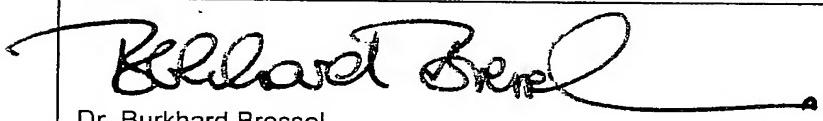
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